

# Steens Mountain Protection Bill

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	<b><u>Monument</u></b>	<b><u>Steens Protection Bill</u></b>
<b>Wilderness</b>	<b>None- Hold Wilderness Harmless, No designation, No Release</b>	<b>Create 143,000 acre Steens Mountain Wilderness Units- From Following Areas</b> Blitzen River High Steens Little Blitzen Gorge South Fork Donner and Blitzen Home Creek Alvord Peak Land Bridge Acreage Current Private Land
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>3 Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>  Wildhorse Creek Mud Creek Ankle Creek
<b>Livestock Grazing</b>	<b>Continue Grazing under existing rules and regulations</b>	<b>Livestock Grazing will be removed from 100,648 acres of Wilderness</b>
<b>Special Wildlife Areas</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Blitzen Redband Trout Reserve</b>

<b>Ecological Areas</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Fir Groves Management Unit (Contingent upon Hammond Land Exchange).</b>
<b>Wilderness Study Areas</b>	<b>Retained</b>	<b>Retained unless legislated as Wilderness</b>
<b>Roads</b>	<b>Prohibit Cross Country Vehicle Travel.</b>	<b>No new roads. Prohibits cross-country vehicle travel.</b> Between Wilderness Areas, the Steens Maintain Loop Road, Newton Cabin Road to Indian Creek, Cold Springs Road and Bone Creek Road will remain open in current condition. BLM will develop an overall transportation plan to further the purposes of the act. Reasonable access to private property.
<b>Exchanges</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Land Exchanges blocking up approximately 125,000 plus acres of contiguous Wilderness</b>
<b>Non-Development Incentives Private Land</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Incentive based programs to encourage non-development</b>  Non-Development Easements 30/30 Grazing Permits/Non Development Easements Land Sales to Government
<b>Development Restrictions on Public Land</b>	<b>Facilities permitted if consistent with protection of the monument resources.</b>	<b>No new facilities will be constructed on public lands.</b>

<b>Mining</b>	<b>Withdrawn from all forms of entry -- all locatables, leaseables, saleables, and geothermal.</b>	<b>Withdrawn from all forms of entry -- all locatables, leaseables, saleables and geothermal from 1 million acres, including the Alvord Desert.</b>
<b>Future Fed. Land Sales</b>	<b>No Sale or Exchange of federal land except to further the management purposes of the area.</b>	<b>No Sale or Exchange of federal land except to further the management purposes of the area.</b>
<b>Boundaries</b>	<b>National Monument- Between 500,000 and 1.2 Million Acres</b>	<b>3 Boundaries (approximately)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Wilderness Boundary - 143,000 Acres</li> <li>2) Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Boundary (500,000 acres)</li> <li>3) Mineral Withdrawal Boundary (1.1 million acres)</li> </ol>
<b>Management</b>	<b>Manage for the protection of objects of scientific interest: biological, geological, and cultural resources.</b>	The purposes of the Cooperative Area are: to maintain and enhance cooperative and innovative management practices between the public and private land managers; to maintain the economic viability of grazing and recreation operations on private and public land; and to conserve, protect and manage the long-term ecological health and functioning watersheds of Steens Mountain.
<b>Landholding Pattern</b>	<b>Federal Lands and Private Lands will continue to be intermingled with continued difficulty in providing for landscape management</b>	Approximately 125,000 acres of the High Steens and Blitzen watershed will be blocked up into one contiguous area. There will be a additional wilderness in the Home Creek area.